

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method in which a computer acquires particular data through a network, said method comprising steps of:

detecting ~~an~~ a first activation instruction to activate a particular program that connects to the network and sends and receives communications in a state that the already-operating computer is not connected to the network;

performing particular data acquisition processing for acquiring the particular data through the network, when ~~an~~ a first activation instruction to activate ~~the particular said~~ program is detected; and

thereafter, activating said ~~particular~~ program whose activation has been instructed.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein: said particular data acquisition processing is processing of updating a security file.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A system for acquiring particular data through a network, comprising:

a means that detects a first~~an~~ activation instruction to activate a particular program that connects to the network and sends and receives communications, in a state that the already-operating computer is not connected to the network;

a means that performs particular data acquisition processing for acquiring particular data through the network, when ~~an~~ a first activation instruction to activate the particular said program is detected; and

a means that activates said particular program whose activation has been instructed, after said particular data acquisition processing.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A network security enhancing system for a computer, comprising:

a means that detects a first activation of a program that connects to a network and sends and receives communications in a state that the already-operating computer is not connected to the network; and

a means that activates processing of updating a security file at activation of a said program that connects to a network and sends and receives communications, after processing of connection to said network and before other processing.

8. (Original) a network security enhancing system according to Claim 7,
further comprising:

a means that displays a message reporting completion of said processing of
updating the security file, after the processing has been completed.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A network security enhancing system according to Claim 7,
wherein:

said processing of updating the security file is processing of acquiring
amendment of a definition file used for an antivirus countermeasure.

11. (Original) A network security enhancing system according to Claim 7,
wherein:

said processing of updating the security file is processing of acquiring a patch
file.

12. (Original) A network security enhancing system according to Claim 7,
further comprising:

a means that activates the processing of updating the security file at activating a
browser and before displaying a screen.

13. (Original) A network security enhancing system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a means that outputs a message requesting activation of the processing of updating the security file, after said program that connects to the network and sends and receives communications connects to the network and before said program starts communication operation.

14. (Original) A network security enhancing system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a means that outputs a message requesting activation of the processing of updating the security file, at activation of a browser and before displaying a screen.

15. (Currently Amended) A network security enhancing system for computer, wherein:

~~said network security enhancing system comprises a means that automatically generates a control program; and~~

~~said control program~~ a means that detects a program that is installed on the computer and connects to a network and sends and receives communications,

a means that detects an activation instruction of a program that connects to said network and sends and receives communications.

a means that activates network connection processing.

a means that detects first activation of a program that connects to the network and sends and receives communications, in a state that an already-operating computer is not connected to the network.

a means that activates the processing of updating the security file at activation of said program, after processing of connection to said network and before other processing. ~~activates processing of connecting to the network and processing of updating a security file, and thereafter activates said program that sends and receives communications.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A network security enhancing program product being stored on a computer-readable storage medium, wherein:

said network security enhancing program makes a computer operate;

to detect first activation of a program that communicates to a network in a state that the already-operating computer is not connected to the network; and

to activate processing of updating a security file at activation of ~~a~~ said program that connects to a network and sends and receives communications, after connection to the network and before other processing.

17. (Currently Amended) A network security enhancing program product being stored on a computer-readable storage medium, wherein:

said network security enhancing program makes a computer perform processing ~~of automatically generating a control program;~~

~~said control program which~~ detects a program that has been installed in the computer and connects to the network and sends and receives communication; and,

said processing detects an activation instruction of a program that connects to said network and sends and receives communications,

then, ~~said control program~~ said processing activates processing of connection to said network, ~~activates processing of updating a security file,~~

said processing detects first activation of a program that connects to the network and sends and receives communications, in a state that an already-operating computer is not connected to the network,

said processing activates processing of updating a security file at activation of a program that connects to a network and sends and receives communications, after processing of connection to said network and before other processing, and thereafter activates said program ~~that sends and receives communication.~~